

SENATE BILL 622
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Corporations - Classification - Capital City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an additional classification of municipal corporations
4 consisting of the Capital City; and submitting this amendment to the qualified
5 voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland
7 Article XI-E - Municipal Corporations
8 Section 2

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
11 concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article XI-E - Municipal Corporations**

13 2.

14 (A) The General Assembly, by law, shall classify all such municipal
15 corporations by grouping them into not more than four classes based on population as
16 determined by the most recent census made under the authority of the United States
17 or the State of Maryland. No more than one such grouping of municipal corporations
18 into four (or fewer) classes shall be in effect at any time, and the enactment of any
19 such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes shall repeal any
20 such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes then in effect.

21 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS
22 PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THERE SHALL BE A CLASS OF
23 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS CONSISTING OF THE CAPITAL CITY, WHICH IS
24 ANNAPOLIS.

25 (C) Municipal corporations shall be classified only as provided in this section
26 and not otherwise.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
28 determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act

1 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the
2 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
4 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the
5 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
6 November, 2004 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
7 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this
8 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
9 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against
10 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
11 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
12 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further
13 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.